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COMPENSATION TO POMEGRANATE FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pomegranate saplings supplied by the Government and planted by the farmers three years back in accordance with the Government guidelines under the Horticulture Scheme failed completely leading to heavy debt burden on the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide compensation to these farmers for their ruined crops;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the compensation is likely to be paid to these farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Pomegranate orchards in two villages of Jalore district of Rajasthan, during 2011-12 were found infested with termite, mite and root knot nematode infestation.

A team consisting of scientists from Agriculture Research Station, Mandor, Jodhpur and Deputy Director Horticulture along with field officials visited the said pomegranate orchards. During the course of field examination, a few stunted & coloristic pomegranate plants, including leaf infestation with mites was observed. The roots of the few dead plants were dug out and examined and were found infested with nematodes. Roots of some plants were also found cut by termites.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. However, to check further spread of nematodes and to reduce infestation of termites and mites, based on the advice of the Agriculture Research Station, Mandor, Jodhpur, on the spot prophylactic measures were recommended to farmers.